

## A Crown for a Crime

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Murder Will Open Heaven's Gates---Bible Chronology all Upset and Other Matters.

(By Scalawag.)

A crown for a crime. There is no disputing the fact that the surest way to get to heaven is to commit murder. Chester Gillette the blessed soul who committed a brutal murder, who defied his guilt, who when he realized when it was going to be life for life then confessed to his spiritual advisors and to God, that he was guilty of the crime, all of which ended in God's forgiveness and a seat in heaven among the sanctified. Dear Chester in his communication, concludes as follows: "There is not one thing I have left undone which will bar me from facing my God knowing that my sins are forgiven, for I have been free and frank in my talks with my spiritual advisors. And God knows where I stand. 'My task is done, the victory won.' through the blood of his victim Miss Grace Brown. The creed has no doubt consigned Grace Brown to the care of the devil as she had no time for repentance. But what of that? Did not the murderers spiritual adviser see to it that criminal was landed in heaven where a crown and a harp of a thousand strings was waiting for him, including Abraham's bosom wherein Chester could rest after his long trip to the place prepared for him from the foundation of the world. A reward for crime is simply a bait for others to pick at, who have a grudge believing as they do that if their animosity leads to murder they can make themselves all right with God through the medium of spiritual instruction from some preacher who understands the 'trick of absolution. As for myself I can only have contempt for such exhibitions of divine justice, and if I had a son, I would rather see him face the issue with a stubborn will than make the claim that for a crime he had consigned the dead had given him a place among the angels through the blood of the innocent. A crown for a crime is the last resort for the coward, and murderers are quite sure of that heaven of rest so gallantly earned. It is not at all likely that a renegade like Chester Gillette would ever have but on an assumption of piety had he not murdered Grace Brown and if it requires the life of some person to bring a wretch to repentance, the sooner such a scape goat belief is buried in oblivion the better.

### Upsetting the Bible.

I am indebted to the K. C. Star for the information that the young people's society of the Argentine Congregational church will have a minstrel show in the church on Friday night. The members of the society will appear in blackface. It is evident that the young people desire to live things up a little and they know that a negro minstrel exorcises will brighten the gloom of the place and will give them something new "Enjoyment."

The K. C. Star has certainly gone daffy. Its issue of April 1st it presents to view the skeleton of the Platycarpus Abruptus as it appeared after 6 million years in a Kansas chalk bed. Does not the Star know that the world is only 6 thousand years old? Was I not brought up to believe that if I could And did not our Sunday school teacher impress that fact on our minds and now for the

Star to add 6 million 9 hundred and 94 thousand years to the age of the world is certainly poking fun at its readers and to add injury to our minds it again in its issue of April 3rd, displays the skeleton of the three-toed horse of two million years ago. Perhaps the Star thinks it can bull fool us I mean bull doze us in this wanton manner but if it is not careful, it will be compelled to go to some unchristian country for its subscribers as we will have it excluded from the mails for publishing obscene literature.

It has been quite dry in this part of the world and everybody has been wishing that it would rain. Well last night it rained and to day everybody is exclaiming; What a beautiful day. How the buds on the trees will burst and bloom and see how clean everything is with all the dust washed away. There is another side to it however. When we step on the ground, the soles of our shoes are sure to get dirty if not muddy and along the walks in places can be seen muddy water and the weeds are sure to start up in our gardens and that means work with the hoe. I don't know what kind of weather we will have in the next world but I do know that in this world it is dry or it is wet. It is bound to be the one or the other. I am generally satisfied no matter if it is muddy or dusty but I'll be darned if I prefer mud to walk in neither do I like to be blinded with dust. Some men are eternally kicking and some men ought to be kicked.

### THE PRODIGAL'S RETURN.

One time I said an awful word,  
I really did,  
An' pa was angry when he heard,  
An' so I hid.  
An' they was huntin' everywhere,  
An' my! I give 'em such a scare!  
Don't be mad 'cause I didn't care,  
I was just a kid.  
But when it got all dark an' cold  
Why I was scared,  
For an' I wasn't over bold,  
And 'en I cared.  
I could see lights 'dancin' here an' there,  
An' they was huntin' everywhere,  
An' when the found me, I didn't care  
If I had swore'd.  
But when maw called me her poor child,  
An' didn't scold;  
An' paw looked mad but soon got mild  
'cause I was cold,  
An' maw got clothes, 'cause mine was wet,  
For it had rained--why 'en you bet  
I was sorry I swore'd, an' I'm sorry yet,  
So don't you scold.

### THE CORRESPONDENCE SCHOOL.

For a practical, common-sense endorsement of the Correspondence School, we commend our readers to the following, taken from the Lineville (La.) Tribune:

"Realizing the vast amount of ignorance among the masses regarding science the Blue Grass Blade has started a Correspondence School that the most humble may become educated at home and with less expense than thousands are out for their whisky.

originally numbered 67 of which only 50 are now extant. Eight of the seventeen destroyed were the lives of the eight emperors of Rome who lived at the time or about the time Jesus was said, to have been born. These eight live would throw light on to early church, and the gospel Jesus, not perhaps in the interest of the church, and that is the reason they are missing. Porphyry's fifteen books on the christians of his day, was burned by an order of Theodosius. Porphyry says of Origen "The outer life of Origen was that of a christian, and contrary to law, but as far as his views of things and of God are concerned, he thought like the Neoplatonist whose conceptions he overlaid with foreign myths." "This verdict of Porphyry's is more just than that of the large body of church historians, of the past, who reiterated the pure fable, that the Neoplatonists stole all (or borrowed), their valuable doctrines from the ancient christian books." The heretical protestant as well as its mother church, have ever vied in defaming all trespassers on their only "true way to heaven." Protestant historians telling their readers that such heretical sects could not have been of God, because they did not survive and flourish. Their sympathies are not with any sect, who met the sword of catholicism and were annihilated, when they succeeded, owing to the advanced liberal ideas of the people--not that their cause was more just, or righteous. All these present day, heretical protestants have for a basis of religion is a mutilated and corrupted gospel, and a big trail of blood, of heretics as good as they, from Constantine until the 18th century. Is it any great wonder that today they are unable to sustain their position?

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### CHURCH REVIVALS FROM A SCIENTIFIC VIEW

#### A Proper Test.

Does it bind every one to every other in life and death? Since people are not lost to start with, you do not have to save them. The work is to make them grow. To save a person in one evening or a week is like saying that you can educate a person in a single evening. When a religious institution says that it, or any power in the universe, can save a person in a day or week, it is just the same kind of claim as a teacher saying he can educate a child in a day or a week. Being saved and being educated are both never-ending processes. If one were absolutely lost to start with, you could no more save him than you could educate an absolute idiot.

One of the worst effects of the old time revival was this: At the close there was an absolute line running through the community separating families and friends. On one side were the good and the bad together, puffed up with spiritual pride, bound for Paradise. All the baggage of the world was abandoned. On the other side of the line were the good and the bad together, bound for perdition, those who were not saved. One is reminded here of an observation of Huxley's: "This puffing up is the first, last and final sign of all false religious teaching. Your converted children who teach their parents, your converted ministers who teach honest men, your converted dunces, who, having lived half their lives in cretinous stupefaction, suddenly awakening to the fact of there being a God, fancy themselves his peculiar messengers. Those of every sect who think that men can be saved by thinking rightly instead of doing rightly, these are the true for children.